

Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE ELDERS, DANA AND STAFF!

Jim
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Dearll
Vincent

John
Life

Dana
Slingluff



Wes
Cochran

Kimberlee
Shears

Cody and
Kristi Hoover

We wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons!

Elders:

Pat Barclay
Jim Galloway
Brian Haught
Gary Herridge
Paul Inman
Stan Inman
John Life
Bill Mills
Ron Riddle
Paul Saunders
Dwain Shears
Dearll Vincent

Deacons:

Delmas Carr
Marion Goldsmith
Leonard Haid
Doug Hershman
Rob Hoover
Bill Hoover
Kyle Inman
Scott Johnson
Todd Kirk
Keith Smith
Jeff Taberner

Minister:

Dana Slingluff
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Remember our church family in your prayers.

Kathleen Albright, Sharon Armstrong, Peggy Cowdery, Margaret Dawkins, Gloria Frazier, Sallie Hinzman, Dustin Hughes, Phyllis Johnson, Nancy Kimes, Bill Lemley, Myrtle Metz, Jane Pralley, Jenny Reynolds, Neil Russell, Ray Sams, Carol Vincent, Ruth Wells

Prayers requested for family and friends:

Betty Adams (Relative of Calvin and Jean Martin), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Rhonda Barclay, Gert Barnes, Delana Blizzard (Harvey & Mary Caplinger's daughter), Kelly Boyce, Edna Drillien (Chelsea Inman's grandmother), Jim Fitcher, Bill Haid (Len Haid's brother), Tony Haid (Len's son), Larry Hays (Madeline Gregg's brother), Anne Kaiser, David Newberry, Lisa Osbourne (Steve Moser's sister), Crystal Rich (Daniel Rich's mother), Susie Smith (Kay Stanley's cousin), Rick Spaur (Cotton and Patty Sayre's son-in-law), Rosemary Vincent (Dearll Vincent's sister-in-law), Randy Ware (Jenny's husband), Angel White (Eloise Smith's niece), Wilma White (Kay Stanley's aunt), Pam Wilson

Please call the office to add or update names on the Prayer List.



Adeline Grace Inman arrived December 11 to proud parents, Kyle and Sarah Inman. Congratulations to siblings, Clifton, Kenzie and Kasen and grandparents, Stan and Debi Inman!

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How can one make it to Heaven who cannot make it to church?

- ♥ Thank you to everyone for the beautiful birthday cards. **Mary Daniel**
- ♥ Thank you for all the cards and happy wishes for my birthday. They were each appreciated. Thank you. **Bob Eddy**
- ♥ Thanks for all the birthday cards I received. I appreciated each one. **Barbara Saunders**

Church News and Announcements

MEN'S MEETING, BIBLE BUSTERS, LADIES' MEETING

The Men's meeting, Bible Busters and Ladies' meeting will be today at 5:00.

DECEMBER 23 AND 30 EVENING SINGING SERVICES

This Wednesday evening and next Wednesday's will be singing services with no Bible classes. The 11:00 morning Bible class will continue the study of I John with Dana.

(Note to song leaders: Any men wanting to lead a song at these evening services, see John Life or Jim Galloway.)

DEACON'S MEETING

The Deacon's meeting will be next Sunday at 5:00.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GET-TOGETHER

A New Year's Eve get-together will be at the Mineral Wells School beginning at 8:30PM. All ages are invited. We will have use of the gym and cafeteria areas. Money will be collected for pizza. Please bring beverages, desserts, items to go with pizza, also games and sports items.

AREA WIDE SERVICE

The area wide service will be held here Sunday, January 10 at 2:30 and hosted by the Grand Central congregation.

LOVE AND CARE SERVICES

Care Group 1 will conduct the services at Love and Care Sunday, January 24 at 2:30 and Thursday, January 28 at 7:00PM.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULES

Daily Bible reading schedules are available in the foyers. The daily schedule is also printed in the bulletin.

Daily Bible Reading

December 20—Revelation 9, Jonah 1-4

December 21—Revelation 10-11, Micah 1-4

December 22—Revelation 12, Micah 5-7

December 23—Revelation 13, Nahum 1-3

December 24—Revelation 14, Habakkuk 1-3

December 25—Revelation 15-16, Zephaniah 1-3

December 26—Revelation 17, Haggai 1-2

December 27—Revelation 18, Zechariah 1-5

Watch

"IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY"

each Sunday morning at 7:30 on WTAP, WCWP local Sunday at 7:30AM, Dish Channel 239 Sunday 7:00AM, DIRECT TV channel 307 Sunday 7:00AM, Local cable Channel 4 Sunday 6:30AM, GBN Sunday 7:00PM, Monday 2:00PM, Thursday 5:00PM.

UPCOMING PROGRAM

December 27

I AM RESOLVED



“The Birth of Jesus was as Follows. . .”

At this of the year, more will be said about the birth of Jesus than at any other time of the year. Yet, each year I can't help but be a bit disturbed by all the biblical ignorance and inaccuracies associated with the birth of our Savior. When it comes to one of the most fundamental tenants of Christianity, the incarnation of Jesus, and one of the most pivotal historical events that ever occurred, I find that many cannot discern between fact and fiction. As fundamental as the birth of Jesus is, people do not really know the account of his birth as well as they might think.

Doubt me? Then give the following brief “True or False” quiz a shot and see how well you do.

True or False: The Bible says the angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph to inform him that Mary was with child.

True or False: The Bible says that three wise men came to the manger to worship and give gifts to Jesus.

True or False: The Bible says that an unknown number of wise men came to the manger to worship Jesus.

True or False: The Bible says a bright star appeared in the sky and led the shepherds to the manger.

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True or False: The Bible says the shepherds and the wise men were present on the night of Jesus' birth.

True or False: The Bible says an innkeeper told Mary and Joseph that there was no room in the inn, thus Jesus was born in a manger.

Okay, so how did you do? Did anyone get them all right? Did you get a passing grade? Well, if you answered any of these questions with a “True,” you were mistaken. Every statement is false for one reason or another. Open your Bible and check it for yourself.

What I have discovered through the years is that it is surprisingly easy for us to believe as fact, what is in reality, fiction.

Furthermore, this “fiction” is sometimes propagated by religion. How many church lawns and “Christmas” re-enactments will portray a nativity scene which inaccurately portrays the biblical account? Churches that decried the inaccuracies in the movie “Noah” and the “Bible Series” on television may very well do their part in perpetuating biblical inaccuracies this December.

But now here's the point of my article: If we can be misinformed about something as fundamental as the birth of Jesus, what's to make us think we cannot be misled regarding other religious matters?

Friends, make sure your faith is not based on what others have told you is true, but rather make sure your faith is based on what you know to be true from your own personal study. Let the “fiction” you see perpetuated on church lawns and in church pageants this holiday season be a reminder and a warning to you to do your own Bible study, and to never be content with that others say.

“Prove all things; Hold fast what is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

Angels we have heard on high: (Revelation 14:6-13)



“Then I saw another angel _____ in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting _____ to preach to those who dwell on the earth – to every _____, tribe, tongue, and people- saying...’ _____ God and give _____ to Him, for the hour of His _____ has come.” (Revelation 14:6-7)

The First angel preached the _____. **How does one obey the gospel?** “He who _____ and is _____ will be saved.” (Mark 16:16) “If we, or an _____ from heaven preach any _____ gospel to you... let him be _____.” (Galatians 1:8) **The gospel is _____.** **The gospel is _____.**

What God expects from Man. “The angel said with a loud voice, ‘Fear _____ and give _____ to Him.’ (Rev. 14:7) **Why should we worship God?** “You are _____, O Lord, to receive _____ and _____ and _____.” (Revelation 4:11) “Worship Him who made _____ and earth, the _____ and springs of water.” (Revelation 14:7) **He is our judge.** “For the _____ of judgment has come.” (Revelation 14:7) “For God will bring every _____ into _____, including every _____ thing.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

The Second angel preached about the _____ of the Lost. “Another angel followed saying ‘ _____ is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations _____ of the wine of the _____ of her fornication.” (Revelation 14:8)

Message of the Third angel. “If anyone worships the _____ and his image, and receives his _____ on his forehead or on his hand.” (Rev. 14:9) **The beast is _____.** “You are of your _____, the _____, and the desires of your father you want to do.” (John 8:44) **Storing up the _____ of God’s judgment.** “You are _____ up for yourself _____ in the day of wrath, and revelation of the righteousness of God – who will render to _____ one according to his deeds.” (Romans 2:5-6) **An angel’s description of hell.** “And he shall be _____ with fire and _____.” (Revelation 14:10,11)

The _____ of the saved. “Here is the _____ of the _____; here are those who keep the _____ of God and the _____ of Jesus. Then I heard a _____ from heaven saying to me, ‘Write; _____ are the dead who die in the _____ from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may _____ from the labors and their works _____ them.” (Revelation 14:12-13)

What must be true for us to have heaven as our home? We must be _____ the Lord. “ _____ into Christ.” (Galatians 3:27) **We must _____ that way.** “Be _____ unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Revelation 2:10) **We must _____.** “In your _____ you possess your souls.” (Luke 21:19)

Look at Your “Want List”



Just how big is your “want list?” Be assured that what you really want to get, may get you. What are you really willing to give in exchange for what you want to obtain? For most certainly all that you want to obtain comes with a price tag. Do not desire to possess, to have or to hold, to own, or to enjoy what you dare not ask God to give you. It is not wise to desire to gain more than you dare turn into a prayer. For your own sake, for your soul’s sake, learn to measure every desire by other than an earthly standard. Determine to live wisely, spiritually and to measure every desire by a spiritual standard, and this will guard you against unlawful desire. You will avoid harm’s way if your heart’s desire is ever presented to God in prayer.

We each desperately need to learn to hold earthly things with a loose grip, and at the same time learn to cling to God with all our strength. Only in God will we ever have our lives ruled with peace and joy. Only in Him can we be free from anxiety and worry. *“The Lord is at hand (literally “very near”), be careful for nothing (literally “turn loose of anxiety”) but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”* (Philippians 4:6).

Bulletin Digest

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

January 1—Jim Merrill
January 3—Teri Cox, Ryan Gaston
January 7—Nancy Kimes
January 8—*Doug & Shannan Hlnzman
January 9—Gary Farris
January 10—Cody Hoover, Lorna Marshall
January 12—Lucille Hardman
January 14—Harvery Caplinger Jr., Bill Hoover, Ron Moncrief, Bob Smith
January 15—David Houser, Sam Merrill
January 17—Gala Miller,*Bill & De Fleak, *Justin & Allie Moore, *Dearll & Carol Vincent
January 18—Merilee Morgan, Alivia Moser
January 19—Barry Mills, Keith Smith
January 23—Abi Parmer
January 24—Ben Haught, Sarah Inman, Joyce Wright
January 26—Brittany Gray, Becky Inman
January 27—Betty Lamb
January 28—Donna McConnell
January 29—Brandi Hescht, Cotton Sayre



* Anniversary

If your birthday and/or anniversary is not on this list and you would like it to appear on the church calendar, please call the office this week.

We want to include everyone (that would like to be).

Gospel Meetings

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| 10/14/15 | Anyone Can Have Abundant | David Newberry | The Abundant Life | Gospel Meeting | | |
| 10/13/15 | A Big Question About Life | David Newberry | The Abundant Life | Gospel Meeting | | |
| 10/12/15 | The Pathway To The Abundant Life | David Newberry | The Abundant Life | Gospel Meeting | | |
| 10/11/15 | The In Spite Of Life | David Newberry | The Abundant Life | Gospel Meeting | | |
| 10/11/15 | Guyana Report | David Newberry | The Abundant Life | Bible Class | | |

Through the efforts of Bill Merrill, we have begun video presentation on our website.

If you see this little strip of film, (only in Gospel Meetings at the present), click on it and you will see the video.



LLL Keepers class will meet Tuesday, December 29 in the MP Room at 10:00AM.

Please bring your lunch.

See Annette Kirk if you have any questions.

Minute of Meditation Heard on 910 AM WLTP

Disappointments are like road bumps. They slow you down a bit, but you can normally enjoy the smooth road afterwards. When you feel down because you didn't get what you wanted, just sit tight and be happy, because God is thinking of something better to give you.

When something happens to you, good or bad, consider what it means. There is a purpose to life's events. Just remember, you can't make someone love you. All you can do is be someone who can be loved.

Here are five simple rules to help you be Happy!

- * Free your heart from hatred.
- * Free your mind from worries.
- * Live simply.
- * Give more.
- * Expect less.



God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow or sun without rain. But, He DID promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears, and light for the way.

This is Gary Herridge with a minute of meditation from the Camden Avenue church of Christ where you are always welcome.



December is
Sack the Pulpit
 to restock the church pantry.

- Any dry cereal
- Peanut butter
- Saltine crackers
 - Canned fruit
- Any canned meat (TREET, SPAM, tuna, potted meats, Vienna sausage)
 - Applesauce
- Spaghetti sauce (We have spaghetti pasta.)
 - Boxed macaroni and cheese

Please leave items on either side of the pulpit.

Monetary donations may be given to one of the elders.

Winter Training Series

January 7—January 28 Thursdays 7:00-8:00PM
 Dewey Avenue congregation

- Marriage and the Family**—Roger Rush
Sermons from Songs—Andy Robison
Bible Geography—Ed Melott
1 Thessalonians—Randy Baker

Flyer on the foyer bulletin boards.

Opportunities To Serve
 Sunday, December 27

ELDER IN CHARGE—Brian Haught
DEACON IN CHARGE—Bill Hoover

SONG LEADERS

AM—John Life
 PM—Jon Hescht

PRAYER

9:30 AM—Bill Mills
 Close—Keith Smith
 6:00 PM—Chris Tallman
 Close—Paul Inman

SCRIPTURE

AM—Chris Hofmann
 PM—Dan Rich

COMMUNION TABLE

AM—Dearll Vincent
 PM—Don Gaston
 Patrick Rine

PA SYSTEM—Todd Kirk

DOOR GREETERS

AM Door 1—Paul Inman
 2—Rick Stanley
 4—Lenore Vaught

PM Door

1. Kevin & Becky Inman
2. Brent & Holly West
3. Leon & Judy Hupp
4. Jenny Ware & Connie Hickman
5. Don & Sheri Gaston
6. Paul & Nancy Inman

Facts and Figures

December 13, 2015
 AM Service.....296
 Bible Study.....207
 PM Service.....220
 Wednesday.....222
 Contribution\$7804.00
MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015
 Baptisms.....8
 Restored or Requested
 Prayers.....6
 Placed Membership....9

Schedule of Services

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30
 Bible Study.....11:00
 PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....11AM & 7PM